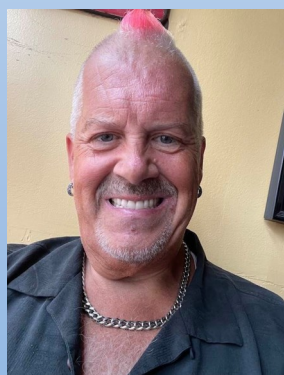


BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



February Member Meeting **LIVE Virtual**



FRIDAY, February 25, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

The 1950 US Federal Census - Are You Ready?
presented Thomas MacEntee

Advance registration required. Pre-register now by clicking [HERE](#).
An email will be sent with instructions on how to join the meeting.

Many genealogists remember the amount of excitement in April 2012 around the release of the 1940 US Census. Following the “72 Year Rule” for records at the National Archives, the results of the 1950 US Census will be made public on Friday, April 1, 2022. It’s never too early to prepare for this valuable data related to US genealogy research!

Participants will get up to speed on the history of the 1950 US Census, why the 1950 US Census form is radically different than previous forms, and how the data will be accessed. In addition we’ll cover what you can do NOW to prepare for the release of the 1950 US Census as well as volunteer projects related to indexing and finding aids. Finally, we’ll cover how you can always get the latest information related to the release of the 1950 US Census data!

Thomas MacEntee is a professional genealogist specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and as a means of interacting with others in the family history community. Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called High-Definition Genealogy. Currently Thomas shares many of his articles and videos for free at GenealogyBargains.com!

“I’m a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics and I’ve finally figured out what I do best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. I believe in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.”

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Belinda (McCoy) Veazey of Alvin
Pat Sommerfield of Pasadena
Leslie Cargile of Seabrook**

*Thank you to Denise Hewitt, BAGS' new Telephone Committee Chair.
Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by the membership.*



BAGS member **Lynn Marlene Finger** passed on Tuesday, February 8. Our prayers go out to her husband Fred Finger and their family. Her obituary was published online at www.crowderfuneralhome.com/obituaries/lynn-marlene-finger/

Additional points of contact:

Need help attending the next meeting?

Memberservices@TxBayAreaGen.org (Lisa Smith)

Research questions or to provide research assistance:

Education@TxBayAreaGen.org (Kim Zrubek)

Submit information for the Journal, published twice a year: Journal@TxBayAreaGen.org (Todd Roberts)

Submit pedigree chart to share with membership:

Pedigreecharts@TxBayAreaGen.org (Anita Cooper)

Share to preserve Society history:

Historian@TxBayAreaGen.org (Teresa Rundell)

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Publicity@TxBayAreaGen.org (Terri Myers)

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Don't know the Members Page password?

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This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the people of Harris and Galveston counties, Texas, who have an interest in genealogy. Articles on genealogy are welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and is subject to editing. Please include permissions with copyrighted material submissions. Questions or comments on the BAGS Newsletter should be addressed to: Editor, P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853, or newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org. All rights reserved.

November General Meeting recap...

Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins presented by Cari Taplin



Cari Taplin, presented the topic of using church records in the search for family. Utilizing the archives of various religious organizations can bring to light participation of your family within a particular religious group. Often these findings provide clues to why your ancestor may have migrated or participated in other activities of the era. Many may provide documentation of vital records—birth, death, and marriage—prior to mandatory record keeping in the area.

Remember a new password to the MEMBERS ONLY page was put in place in September for the 2021-2022 membership year. If you need the new password, contact our Registrar, George Porterfield, at Registrar@txbayareagen.org.



2022 BAGS CALENDAR

With the reopening of businesses, the Bay Area Genealogical Society's Board has voted to offer a mix of virtual and in-person general meetings in the coming year. Details for each, along with registration links, will be posted to the Society website, FACEBOOK page, and future newsletters.

Friday, February 25, 7:00 PM (LIVE Virtual)
The 1950 US Federal Census—Are You Ready?
presented by Thomas MacEntee, [Genealogy Bargain\\$](http://GenealogyBargain.com)

Friday, March 25, 7:00 PM (LIVE Virtual)
Pushes, Pulls, and Records: The Waves of German Immigrants to the United States
presented by Bernard N. Meisner, Ph.D, CCM

April (In Person Event, Date/Time and Location TBD)
Celebrate International Volunteer Month

Friday, May 27, 7:00 PM (LIVE Virtual)
The Peoples of the West Indies & Their History
presented by Diane M. Warmesley

Board Meetings

Currently held as virtual meetings via ZOOM. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, request a link from



info@TxBayAreaGen.org

2022

February 21

March 21

April 25

Board meetings are held on Mondays at 6:30 PM.

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

are available on the Members Page.

Research Bus Trips

Thank you to Kathleen Williams. Kathleen volunteered to step in as our County Coordinator Chair to continue the members' benefit of a day of research at the Clayton Library with group transportation.

Tuesday, April 5 is next trip
See details on future dates and to be included [HERE](#).



BAGS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



BAGS celebrated its 20th anniversary during our holiday celebration at the Lonestar Flight Museum on December 11. The event was a resounding success! We had a record 75 people in attendance, with 66 of them taking a guided tour through the museum. Many remarked at how knowledgeable and interesting the tour guides were.

"It was a wonderful event! Sure enjoyed seeing old friends and new members. The charter members reminiscing was great. Food was good, cake delicious!"



The Garrett Family

Lots of people took advantage of the photo frame to record their participation in the event. All photos taken by our photographer, Billy Mayo, are available in the [About Us/Photo Gallery](#) section of our website. We had posters with a brief history of BAGS (you can find this on our [Handouts & Videos page](#) in the Members Only section of our website) and a framed memorial of our founder, Carolyn Hellen, who passed away only a few weeks before the celebration.



Donna Shaw



*Check-in with
Kathleen Williams*

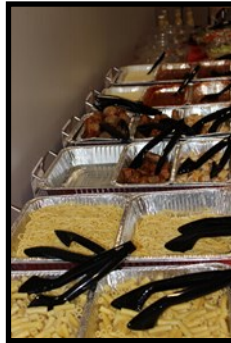


A video montage of charter members (original members of the Society) was enjoyed, reminiscing about BAGS throughout the years, and we heard from Jeanine Lawrence, one of the founders of BAGS, who talked about how the society began. Charter members were recognized for their dedication to genealogy and their continued support of BAGS. Charter members not in attendance were mailed their certificates of appreciation. The list of charter members can be found in the [About Us section](#) of our website.

*From left to right: Susie Ganch, Resa Hennings,
Annette Bowen, Jinny Mason, Garry Garrett,
Jeanine Lawrence*



Enjoyed by all was an Italian feast provided by Olive Garden while listening to holiday music and watching a slide show of BAGS through the years (you can find a PDF version of these slides on our [Handouts & Videos page](#) in the Members Only section of our website).



We had a lot of food left over, so we donated a box of the entire setup (including cake!) to two fire stations – Friendswood Fire Station #1 and Houston Fire Station #94.



Happy Firemen!



Finally, we wrapped up with prizes and giveaways. Polly Swerdlin won the author "BAGS bag of Goodies", Nick Cimino won a BAGS cookbook, Shirley Lindquist won a BAGS bag, Susie Ganch won a \$25 gift card to Olive Garden, Fred Roe won his choice of one of the National Genealogical Society's *Research In The States* PDF books, and Diane Rausch and Cindy Austin each won a Complete 1-Year Subscription to MyHeritage. You can see the winners in the [Photo Gallery](#) in the About Us section of the website.

The committee members who made this event possible were Teresa Rundell, Kim Zrubek, Lisa Smith, Susie Ganch, Kathleen Williams, Becky Jones, and Jane Martin.

This comment made by one of our members sums up the sentiment of the celebration:

"The nicest party I have been to in a long time!"



A BIG THANK YOU to Sue Kaufman, Manager of the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library, for graciously stepping in as our general meeting presenter last month. Sue is proud of her work with the library and the wonderful staff members available to us as genealogists and researchers. If you happened to miss her presentation, a [recording is available in the Members Only section until February 28th](#). Her handout helps to navigate the Clayton Library website.



Online Research Sessions (via ZOOM teleconferencing) (Members Helping Members)

If you need to brainstorm a research brick wall, gather suggestions, learn how to use an online resource, ask questions, give help, or just visit with other genealogists, join in with either or both of the sessions, with or without video. Participants can share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries.

The latest access details are posted on the BAGS [Members Helping Members Page](#).

Weekly: Mondays from 10:00 AM to noon join moderator Renee Ball.

Weekly: Mondays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM join moderator Kim Zrubek.

Monthly: 1st Sunday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

If you want to practice using Zoom or have questions connecting to a session, contact Kim Zrubek by email education@txbayareagen.org or by phone 281-992-2636.

Do you have brick walls that need to come down? Join the **Brick Wall Busters Special Interest Group (SIG)** and let us help you by providing new research paths to break down that wall!

Each brick wall will be briefly presented by an attendee and then the meeting will be opened to suggestions from the group. When sharing, members will be asked to share their screen to allow other members to view their research and the problem. Hopefully, the group will be able to offer additional avenues to search. Remember, the more you can tell us about what you know (and don't know) plus where you have already researched, the more we can help you! Attendees do NOT have to submit a brick wall to participate in the meeting. All are welcome to contribute to the discussion.



Items to consider including when sharing your brick wall challenge: research question, timeline, family tree, list of resources already consulted, and/or a paragraph summary.

March 20, 2022, Sunday, 1:00 pm
[REGISTER HERE](#)

German Special Interest Group

The BAGS German SIG started their second year in October. Meetings are on the second Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00—8:30 pm via ZOOM.



March 9 - April 13 - May 11 - June 8

Anticipated topics for the coming year include identifying your German ancestor's hometown, learning more about your ancestor's hometown, German Script, German naming conventions and variations, Familienbuchs, church records, civil records, and more.

If you are interested in joining this group, please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) on our website.

Bylaws Change

During the January 2022 General Meeting, Lisa called for vote on a change to the bylaws to add a Student membership; 10% or 16 members are required for a quorum. The quorum was met and the following addition to the bylaws was approved.

Article IV Membership and Dues

3. Student (individual)

- a. An individual membership for any full-time student, 18 years of age or older. A copy of the student's school identification must be presented with the membership application.

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL

The Fall/Winter 2021 edition has been published and is available on the [Members Only](#) page of our website. Check out articles showcasing our society's twenty years in growth.

Articles are being accepted for upcoming editions now. Do you have a story to tell of your ancestors? Think about sharing your methodology in cracking that familial question that has long been on your mind. The society strives to have our members share their findings, tips, and methods applied to reach back to the next generation or find that lost uncle. Consider sharing by submitting one of your written records.



Todd Roberts, Journal Editor, has composed a ["Journal Article Submissions Q & A"](#) answering some of the more common questions about submitting an article for print. Email submissions to Todd at journal@txbayareagen.org or to inquire about additional information.

BAG\$ Report by Susie Ganch, Treasurer

November 2021

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT
WELLBY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
As of 30 Nov 2021

Wellby Checking Account (as of Nov 1, 2021)	\$3,866.50
Deposits to Checking Account	\$1,617.81
Disbursements from Checking Account	\$355.73
Checking Account (as of Nov 30, 2021)	\$5,128.58

Wellby Savings Account (as of Nov 30, 2021)	\$5,709.47
Wellby CD 116308 (as of Nov 30, 2021)	\$6,074.86
Maturity Date: 1 June 2022	

TOTAL OF CHECKING, SHARE AND CERTIFICATE ACCOUNTS **\$16,912.91**

December 2021*

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT
WELLBY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
As of 30 Dec 2021

Wellby Checking Account (as of Dec 1, 2021)	\$5,128.58
Deposits to Checking Account	\$50.11
Disbursements from Checking Account	\$1,991.21
Checking Account (as of Dec 31, 2021)	\$3,187.48

Wellby Savings Account (as of Dec 31, 2021)	\$5,709.95
Wellby CD 116308 (as of Dec 31, 2021)	\$6,076.92
Maturity Date: 1 June 2022	

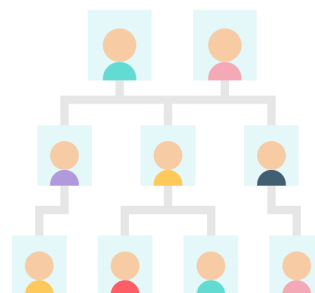
TOTAL OF CHECKING, SHARE AND CERTIFICATE ACCOUNTS **\$14,974.35**

*Expenditures in December were for the 20th anniversary/holiday celebration held at the Lonestar Flight Museum.

Member Pedigree Chart submissions...

All members are encouraged to submit a pedigree chart of their family. The chart does not need to be complete and vital information about living relatives may be omitted. The chart will be available for members to review on the [Members Only](#) page — **"Pedigree Charts of Our Members."**

Sharing your information could create a connection with other researchers that can help! Submit a chart or ask questions and get assistance from Anita Cooper via email to pedigree@TxBayAreaGen.org.



New 2022 Dates for BAGS Members-Only sessions of In-Person Research at the Friendswood Family History Center (FHC)

NEW

March 16 - April 20 - May 18
3rd Wednesday of the month - 9:30 AM—11:30 AM

The center is open to the public for research:

10:00am - 12:00pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
7:00pm - 9:00pm, Tuesday evenings
Not open on Saturday



Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research

OPEN — Tuesdays – Saturdays | 10 AM – 4 PM

The library is now open fully for browsing and conducting research at tables during business hours. You are encouraged to wear a mask, but it is not required. Limited service is offered by either email requests to cla.reference@houston.tx.gov or phone (832) 393-2600.



March Genealogy Face2Face Events (Zoom Video Conference)

- Thu, Mar 03, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM [Bataan Death March: A Soldier's Story](#) with Carol A. Peña
- Thu, Mar 17, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM [The Orange and the Green- Tracing Your Ancestors in Ireland](#) with Nick Cimino, Clayton Library Friends

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research Presents—(Zoom Video Conference)

- Fri, Mar 11, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM [Women's Work: Tracing Your Ancestor's Occupations and Volunteer Work](#) – guest speaker Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Fri, Mar 18, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM [Introducing the 1921 Census of England & Wales](#) – guest speaker Jen Baldwin of Findmypast
- Fri, Mar 25, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM [Methodology for Irish Immigration and Emigration](#) - guest speaker David Rencher, Director of the Family History Library and Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch.

*Visit the library's website— <https://claytonlibraryfriends.org/events> for more details
On each program. Pre-registration is required to attend. A link to REGISTER your choice of events is included in each description*



Webinars are offered FREE on the date and time as scheduled but require a membership fee for viewing the recording outside of a week after presentation. [Click HERE](#) to review the full list of **March** webinars offered with descriptions.

Remember to register for those of interest.

Tuesday, Mar 1, 7:00 PM CST

Topic: Exploring the New 1921 UK Census

Speaker: Paul Milner

Wednesday, Mar 2, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Using WikiTree's DNA Features in Your Family History Research

Speaker: Mags Gaulden

Friday, Mar 4, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: Documenting, Organizing, and Analyzing Plantation Enslaved Persons

Speaker: Ari Wilkins

Tuesday, Mar 8, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: RootsTech Roundup from MyHeritage

Speaker: Daniel Horowitz

Wednesday, Mar 9, 1:00 PM CST

Topic: 'Hidden Treasures': Discovering Local Sources in Your Irish Research

Speaker: David Ryan

Tuesday, Mar 15, 7:00 PM CDT

Topic: Identifying Unnamed Free Born African Americans—A DNA Case Study

Speaker: David Rencher, CG, AG, FUGA, FIGRS

Wednesday, Mar 16, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Stump Craig!

Speaker: Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA

Friday, Mar 18, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Mexican Catholic Parish Records, Part II: Pre-Marital Investigations, Marriages & Dispensations

Speaker: Henrietta Martinez Christmas

Tuesday, Mar 22, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: A Deep Dive into Deep Nostalgia

Speaker: Masha Novak

Wednesday, Mar 23, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Get 'Grammin'! How to Instagram Your Family History

Speaker: Elizabeth M. O'Neal

Wednesday, Mar 30, 1:00 PM CDT

Topic: Family Stories in 30 Minutes or Less

Speaker: Brenda Hudson, Ph.D.



Schedule is subject to change.



GENEALOGY WORD SEARCH

Winter Olympics

Alpine Skiing
Biathlon
Bobsled
Cross Country Ski
Curling

Figure Skating
Hockey
Luge
Nordic Combined
Short Track

Skeleton
Ski Jumping
Snowboarding
Speed Skating

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FamilySearch

The team at Family Search is doing it again in 2022!
RootsTech will be “*virtual*” and “*free*” to all registrants.

If you haven't yet registered, do so now!

You don't want to miss this extraordinary “World's Largest Family History Conference”!

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- Unlimited access to over 1,500 sessions
- Expo Hall with companies from around the world
 - Playlists, chat, and much more

March 3—5, 2022

Register by clicking [HERE](#) and start receiving updates on the coming event!